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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mikio WATANABE et al.

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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING CYCLIC LACTIC ACID OLIGOMER

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 10, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action of March 10, 2004, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until June 10, 2004.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and government fees associated therewith should not be required. However, if for any reason an extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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